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Deltec's new VIP pump is easy to use and builds upon CADD(R) technology that has been available for more than a decade. "The VIP pump helps make the transition to a new device easier for infusion nurses and home care providers already familiar with CADD pump technology," says [James] Stitt. "Health care providers new to CADD technology will find intuitive **programming** with prompting software and help screens that give automatic tips on how to operate the pump. This should mean lowered training costs and less time away from patient care."

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"Deltec's CADD-Prizm VIP pump creates a solid foundation for your IV **therapy** needs," says James Stitt, president, SIMS Deltec, Inc. "It's flexibility, safety, durability and advanced communications capabilities are designed to give you powerful tools for cost-effectively and efficaciously managing your patients' care and your patient data."

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The pump is designed to be a cost-effective investment for home care providers in helping them meet managed care and capitation requirements. Since the pump has four delivery modes, the total number of rental pumps required by home care providers may decrease because the CADD-Prizm VIP pump adapts to changing patient populations and infusion **therapy** needs.

Via the CADD-Diplomat PC Communications System, health care providers can **program**, troubleshoot, view and download data from the CADD-Prizm VIP pump through a modem and computer. This system may help to meet quality and outcomes data documentation requirements for health care providers' facilities or for JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), Medicare, Medicaid and managed care organizations.

When the CADD-Prizm VIP pump is used in conjunction with the CADD-Diplomat PC Communications System, patient information can be put into a software **program** and the pump's history can be reviewed to verify that the pump is delivering required doses. This helps to ensure patient compliance with **therapy**. The pump also may be monitored to review the progress of drug delivery to allow more immediate attention to needs for **therapy** changes.

"The CADD-Prizm VIP pump also has a new feature called an upstream occlusion sensor," says Stitt. "This minimizes potential interruptions in the delivery of intravenous **fluids** because the sensor is designed to detect when **fluid** is not flowing from the reservoir to the pump."

With over a decade of infusion **therapy** experience, Deltec's commitment to quality products and services includes toll-free 24-hour-a-day clinical and technical phone support, reference materials, video and in-service instructions, and reimbursement assistance.

Deltec manufactures and markets, domestically and internationally, the following drug delivery systems: CADD ambulatory **infusion pumps** for chemotherapy, antibiotic **therapy**, nutritional **therapy** and pain management; volumetric **infusion pumps** and disposable products for large-volume intravenous infusions; PORT-A-CATH(R) implantable access systems for venous, arterial, peritoneal and epidural access; VENTRA(R) percutaneous intravenous catheters, CliniCath(R) peripherally inserted catheters; and GRIPPER(R) access needles.

Deltec Systems, Inc. was incorporated in 1983 as a startup company manufacturing computerized ambulatory drug devices. In 1986 Deltec, Nutech and Pharmacia merged to form Pharmacia Deltec, Inc., a medical manufacturing and marketing company. Pharmacia Deltec, Inc. was purchased by Smiths Industries Medical Systems (SIMS), London, in 1994 to become SIMS Deltec, Inc. In 1998, Deltec acquired the assets of Graseby Medical, Inc. The Graseby product line includes volumetric **infusion pumps** and disposable products for large-volume intravenous infusions. The name of the merged organization remains SIMS Deltec, Inc. SEQN: BW1329

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